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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND

1. IN MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 29, FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE RECENT VISIT TO NORWAY OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WHICH HE SAID PROVIDED OCCASION FOR USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. FRYDENLUND SAID HE HOPED SECRETARY COULD ALSO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO NORWAY, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OSLO IN MAY, 1976. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH A VISIT, AND WOULD IN PRINCIPLE TRY TO ARRIVE IN OSLO PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE NATO MEETING.

2. REGARDING THE KOREAN QUESTION, FRYDENLUND INDICATED THAT NORWAY WOULD MAINTAIN LAST YEAR'S POSITION, I.E., SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ON THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION, AND ABSTENTION ON THE OPPOSING RESOLUTION.

3. TURNING TO THE RELATED ISSUES OF SVALBARD AND THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET NEGOTIATION ON DEMARCATING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARENTS SEA, FRYDENLUND SAID THAT THE RECENT SOVIET MISSILE FIRINGS TARGETTED EXACTLY IN TO THE AREA IN DISPUTE WERE RATHER WORRISOME. AT THE SAME TIME, FRYDENLUND SAID THE PUBLIC POSITION OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN THAT THE SOVIET CHOICE OF THE TARGET

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AREA WAS "ACCIDENTAL." THE SECRETARY SAID HE AGREED THAT

THIS WAS THE BEST LINE FOR THE NORWEGIANS TO TAKE SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE INFLUENCED BY THE SOVIETS. HE ADDED THAT IN RESPONSE TO FRYDENLUND'S EARLIER INVITATION, A US "FACT-FINDING" TEAM IS PREPARED TO GO TO NORWAY AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME TO CARRY ON INITIAL CONSULTATIONS ON SVALBARD AND RELATED MATTERS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT HOLDING TWO LOS SESSIONS IN ORDER TO REACH MULTIALATERAL AGREEMENT ON A 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE BY NEXT YEAR, FRYDENLUND SAID NORWAY'S VIES WERE THE SAME.

5. THE SECRETARY AND FRYDENLUND THEN BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE SITUATIONS IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING DETENTE, AND CONCLUDED THE MEETING NOTING THE GENERAL SIMILARITY OF VIES BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE US IN THESE AREAS.
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